

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/647,238  
Ex parte Quayle Amendment dated November 30, 2005  
Reply to OA dated October 14, 2005

### REMARKS

Claims 1 - 8 and 11 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 9 has been amended in order to more particularly point out, and distinctly claim the subject matter to which the applicants regard as their invention. The applicants submit that no new matter has been added. It is believed that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated October 14, 2005.

At the outset, the applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 9 and 10 have been allowed.

In the outstanding Action, the Examiner now requires that non-elected claims be canceled in order to have the allowed claims pass to issue. Accordingly, claims 1 - 8 and 11 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

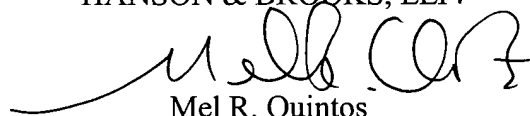
Further, the applicants have adopted the Examiner's suggested title of the invention. Also, the current Abstract of the Disclosure has been replaced with a substitute Abstract of the Disclosure (see, attached). The substitute Abstract of the Disclosure reflects the claimed method invention. The applicants respectfully request that the substitute Abstract, submitted herewith, be approved by the Examiner.

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If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants respectively petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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